# Welcome to MRAC's 80th birthday.

Just a few brief reminders of what has happen with the club over the last 80 years.
The club started with 4 people in January of 1917.
Bylaws were drafted and we were chartered as a corporation in 1923.
Cross country CW messages were relayed from ham to ham.
In the 20's and early 30's the club started printing the Badger ARRL news letter which was later changed to the Hamateur Chatter.
We also sponsored the first Central Division ARRL convention.
We started a club school program on a large scale.
Our meeting were held at the Milwaukee Public Museum for 25 consecutive years.
In the mid 40's the club received it's first call , W9HRM.
The club bought a radio truck for emergency events and field days.
Club members participated in civil defence drills, for the atomic age.
ARRL Field Days became a regular yearly event.
The club had a Ladies Auxiliary group.
Membership was up to 250.
1967 , MRAC sponsors another ARRL Convention.
1968 the club gets a new call W9RH
In the 70's our regular meeting place was Wauwatosa Bank.
In the 80's , MRAC starts sponsoring a VEC and it's volunteer group.
The 90's , Our repeater is purchased and put on the air.

Since 1917 we have had 48 different people as President. Some of which served several terms. We are the oldest continuously active club. Over 1300 hams have been members.
Historically the clubs most active member was Travis Baird, W9VQD.
The clubs longest running President is myself , W9PWG.
The clubs longest running member is Charles Meyer K4HQY , who joined in 1928.
The clubs oldest member is Dr. John Wyman, K4HXZ. He is 94, He was born in 1903. John's original call was W9SZH.

So Merry Christmas everyone and welcome to our 80th birthday party.